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For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS)	Date: September 9, 2002
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ENGINEERING AND METHOD FOR)	Re: Response
FABRICATING THE SAME USING AN)	
APPARENT METAL CONTACT LINE)	
TERMINATING ON FIELD OXIDE")	

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application in which an RCE is being simultaneously filed, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Further, this response is being filed as a response to the pending Official Action of June 17, 2002. Also, please note that an IDS in this matter is being filed on the same date, but under separate cover. This RCE is being filed so that the documents listed in the IDS may be considered by the Examiner. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 21-24 as presented on page 2 of this response. Excess claim fees are attended to with an enclosed check. The REMARKS section of this response discusses the patentability of the new claims.

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FEES FOR EXCESS CLAIMS

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Sir:

1. This is a paper showing the calculation of excess claim fees.
2. Applicant is not a small entity.
3. An amendment is filed concurrently with this petition.
4. Attached is a check for the sum of \$72.00. Charge to Deposit Account No. 12-0415 any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.
5. The fees are calculated as follows:

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